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MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

Secrecy Study

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1. This memorandum will confirm the details of our recent conversation relating to the study you have been requested to undertake on behalf of the DCI.

2. In short, we are looking for a reasonably brief philosophical statement on secrecy and compartmentation and the strengths and weaknesses related to these matters. We ask that the paper focus on the various elements of intelligence activities and describe in pro and con fashion the requirements for secrecy and compartmentation in (a) research and development of intelligence collection systems, (b) collection and processing activities and (c) analysis and production.

3. There four primary objectives to be considered in the preparation of the paper.

(1) We need to make the intelligence product simple for the right consumers to obtain and receive.

(2) We need to knock down compartmentation when it lacks justification and stands in the way of solid management procedures.

(3) We need to identify those areas of intelligence activities which must be cloaked with strong secrecy arrangements so that we can aid and assist in the development of those secrecy arrangements. And,

(4) We need to identify those areas of intelligence activities which can be opened up more widely than they are now.

4. We need a preliminary (if not final) paper from you on these matters prior to Friday, 21 November.

25X1 5. In the course of your study, you should feel free to consult with various members of the IC Staff, particularly Major General [redacted] CIA authorities to be consulted include the DDI who has strong personal views on these matters, and the General Counsel who is actively involved with the Justice Department 25X1 in sketching out the details of new secrecy legislation. The precise action officers in the Office of the General Counsel are [redacted] and [redacted] 25X1

25X1 6. You should also consult with intelligence authorities outside of Langley, including DIA and perhaps NSA. Two USIB Committee Chairmen with direct interests in all this are [redacted] of COMIREX 25X1 and [redacted] of SIGINT. Feel free to deal with them as well.

7. We know that we have given you a very tight and perhaps unrealistic deadline, but we simply must be able to address this problem with a preliminary paper and we have tasked you as one who is admirably equipped to look across the range of intelligence activities to help us get this job done well. We will help you in any way we can. Onward and upward!

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